

REMARKS

By the present amendment claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 1 and 4-6 remain in the application with claims 1 and 6 in independent form.

The compounds now recited in the Markush groups of independent Claims 1 and 6 all function in the recited polyurethane foam systems as amine traps.

After extensive examination the Examiner has now concluded that the outstanding rejections have been overcome, however, the Examiner has also now deemed it necessary to require the Applicants to elect a species.

Applicants do not believe such a restriction requirement is proper. Applicants have amended the claims to recite the members as a Markush group. All of the recited compounds in the Markush group have in common the function as amine traps in the recited polyurethane foam systems. Applicants do not believe the groups place an undue burden on the Examiner for searching purposes. Thus, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

In the event the Examiner does not agree with Applicants' request then Applicants elect the species of acrylic acid.

Applicant's attorney respectfully submits that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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